

Plain Words on Home Affairs.

However unromantic and unpopular with some it may be to revert to the threadbare subject of Retrenchment in the Public Service we cannot but think that a few plain words will not be altogether out of place. And, we confess, it requires no little courage to face the subject. For years has it been the burden of popular complaint. In the press and in the Legislature the changes have been incessantly rung upon it. Every "Speech from the Throne" has contained great swelling promises with regard to it. Yet to-day we find the Civil List very much as it was at the beginning, while we find the Colony in a less favorable condition to bear the expense. This constitutes one of the most important and, at the same time, least agreeable subjects that will shortly demand the attention of the new Governor. It is a subject upon which, one would imagine, public opinion must by this time be tolerably well matured, and we venture to think that the uncertain sound, the discordant note occasionally heard on this question from a section of the colonial press finds no echo in the popular mind. Let the subject be approached in a spirit of sober honesty, and with due regard to the public interest, on one hand, and justice to the public service, on the other. It is not the most agreeable duty which falls to the lot of a merchant, when he finds that his establishment and expenses are out of proportion to his means and, in fact, his need, to cut down the list of clerks and assistants; and the want of sufficient moral courage to do this promptly has left many an amiable, well-meaning man to drift into the Bankruptcy Court. The people are averse, and, doubtless, the head of the Executive will be equally averse to any rash and over measure of retrenchment. The general public will be in favour of an under, rather than an over measure. The desire of the people will be to retain as many of the public servants as can be employed with advantage to the Colony, and as the straitened financial circumstances of the Colony will justify us in paying. There are two principles which must form the test, the gauge of any measure of retrenchment in the public service: the efficiency of that service, and the capacity of the Colony to pay the civil list. It is easy to conceive a case in which the former of these should be made to bend in some measure to the latter, where efficiency must even be in some degree sacrificed to necessity. It has been said, and not without some show of reason, that this Colony has been over-governed. Under-government would be infinitely preferable to financial ruin. It were better that the Colony should be just a little bit under-governed for a few years, than that an expensive civil list should leave no means of undertaking much needed public works, works, too, of a highly reproductive kind, works for want of which large interests are materially suffering. Of course there is not bankruptcy staring us in the face. Numerically weak as the Colony is, it has demonstrated its wonderful revenue-producing capacity. But if, with the maximum of taxation, there is barely enough produced to pay the interest on the public debt, and the pensioners on the public revenue, our case is scarcely better than that of one tottering on the verge of bankruptcy. In order to colonial well-being a certain amount of reproductive public expenditure would appear to be absolutely essential. If we keep on for a few more years paying every dollar away in current expenses and doing absolutely nothing calculated either to employ labor or promote permanent development, the Colony will continue to dwindle down, as it unquestionably has done in the past, until it reaches a stage of existence which may not inaptly be defined as "the small end of nothing." It has been said, and well said, that "Governments exist for the people." In this Colony the axiom would appear to be reversed. The people, one would be led to believe, exist for the government. Of course, in these remarks we have left Confederation wholly out of view. If it should turn out that the Colony is at once to undergo such a sweeping constitutional change the whole case, as respects financial reform, will be altered; for Confederation will bring with it a complete set of machinery which will at once place the purse-strings in the hands of the tax-payers and relieve the Governor of a disagreeable duty. Should this change, however, be less imminent, the people will expect, and have a right to expect, that when the Estimates for 1870 come down from the Executive they will exhibit such a margin for expenditure in public works and public enterprises as will have a tendency to re-establish public confidence and colonial prosperity.

MUSIC.—The undersigned informs the public in general that he is the only teacher of the Piano-forte who combines Thorough-bass and Composition with his instruction in music and singing, and is also the most experienced and legitimate Tuner of Piano-fortes in the Colony. Terms—Piano-forte and Singing \$6 per month. Piano-fortes tuned and repaired at \$3 00 and upwards. Music provided for Balls, Evening parties and Dinners.—DANCY PALMER, Kane street, or at T. N. Hibben & Co's Book Store, Government street.—Mrs Palmer instructs beginners on the Piano at \$3 00 per month.

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New Advertisements.

PUBLIC READING

AT THE
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,
ON
MONDAY, the 18th OCTOBER, 1869.
Selections from Popular Authors will be read by
MR. GOFFREY NORREYS.
To commence at 7 p. m. precisely
ADMISSION—Reserve Seats, 50 cents; Jack Seats, 25.
Tickets to be had at all the principal Hotels. oc13

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WHEREAS SUNDAY PERSONS HAVE been in the habit of buying up and converting to their own use a quantity of Bottles, well knowing them to be the property of the undersigned, and bearing our names or trade marks, and we hereby give notice that we do not sell the Bottles used by us in our respective businesses, and who ever shall improperly use the law direct, after this caution will be prosecuted as the law directs.
A. PHILLIPS, Fort Street.
WITNESS—Robert Gibson, Attorney-at-Law.
Dated this 11th day of October, 1869. oc13 1m

ROYAL LOCHNAGAR WHISKY,
EX "MEDORA."
FIRST IMPORTATION OF THIS CELEBRATED Whisky. For Sale in case or bottle by JAMES ORR, Steamboat Exchange, Wharf St. oc13 1m

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THAT COMMODIOUS SIX-ROOMED House with Kitchen and usual Out-houses, on Amelia street, opposite the Pandora House. Rent low. Apply to S. T. YOUNG, Bricklayer, Bledlow Cottage, Amelia St. oc13

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CALIFORNIA.
NO WINE PURPORTING TO BE OF this Company's production is genuine unless bearing their Trade Mark on Package, Label and Seal. For Sale by J. ROBERTSON STEWART. oc13

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THE CALIFORNIA POWDER WORKS Sporting, Rifle and Blasting Powder, in casks and kegs fresh from the Mill at Santa Cruz. For Sale by J. ROBERTSON STEWART. oc13

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Capital, - - \$10,000,000
INSURES BUILDINGS, WARES, MERCHANDISE, SHIPS, &c., against Loss or Damage by Fire.

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Rates of Premium and every information may be obtained from the undersigned, who is fully authorized by the above-named Companies to accept risks and pay losses.
J. ROBERTSON STEWART, General Agent. oc13

Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co., Limited.
THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above-named Company for October, will be held in the Court Chamber, corner of Broad street and Truncheon alley, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 11 o'clock, p.m.
H. GASTON, Secretary. oc12

TO LEASE
FOR A TERM OF YEARS, A LIVE KILN in Victoria Harbor. The stone is of a very superior quality. For particulars apply to J. NAGLE, Office near Police Barracks. oc12 1m

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TO ARRIVE
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In transitu from Bordeaux, France,
40 qr. cks Hennessy and
Martell Brandy,
60 cks Claret.

For Sale LOW for CASH.
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MRS. JOHNSTON HAS READY FOR inspection a variety of Japanese articles of VERU, in Ivory, lacquer work, Oxidized Silver, Silk Paintings, Bronze and Straw Work &c., &c.
Also, Abyssinian Gold Pencil Cases, Archery, Croquet Cricketer, &c., &c.

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For sale by HENRY NATHAN, JR. & CO. Wharf street, Victoria. oc14 5m

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Winseys
Lustres
Delaine
Alpaca
Poplins
French Merino
Plaids
Ginghams
Chintz
Prints
Muslins
Embd. French Merino Dresses

Skirts, Balmoral, Mohair, Winsey, Rep.
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Jackets, Black Cloth, Plush, &c.
Velvet
Irish Linen
Hair Nets
Ribbons
Trimming
Buttons, &c.

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Tablecovers
Hickory, &c.

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Moleskin, &c.
Vests, Black Cloth, Pilot, &c.
Inverness Capes
Boys' Suits
Baltic Shirts, Black & White
Checked and French Flannel
Flannel Shirts
Hickory & Serge do
Hats, Blk & Col Felt and Plush
Cambric Handkerchiefs
Umbrellas
Black Silk Handkerchiefs
White Shirts
Swansdown do
Braces
Neckties
Scarfs
Velvet Vestings
Hosiery, &c.

English Straw Paper
Cotton Seine Twine
Hemp & Sturgeon do
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Malt Vinegar
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Bass' Pale Ale
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Novelties in Men's and Boys' Hats,

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Superior Winter Clothing.

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Underclothing,
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Latest Styles, Good Quality and Low Prices.

GOVERNMENT STREET.

GENERAL ABSTRACT

Showing the average amount of LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the Bank of British Columbia, within the Colony of British Columbia, and its dependencies, taken from the several Weekly Statements for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1869.

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Notes in Circulation.....\$116,750 00	Legal Tender Coin in Gold and Silver.....\$151,492 96
Balances due to other Banks and Branches.....23,610 14	Gold and Silver Bullion.....65,633 52
Deposits not bearing interest.....\$134,903 49	Landed and other Property.....55,826 04
Deposits bearing interest.....25,018 43	Balances due from other Banks and Branches.....80,176 08
	All debts due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange and all Stock and Funded Debts of every description, excepting Notes, Bills, and Balances due from other Banks and Branches.....360,693 83
Total amount of Liabilities.....\$300,782 11	Total amount of Assets.....\$709,723 03
Amount of Capital Stock paid up at close of the Quarter ending 30th June, 1869.....\$1,940,000 00	
Rate of last Dividend declared to the Shareholders.....3 per cent per annum	
Amount of last Dividend declared.....\$21,679 50	
Amount of reserved profit at time of declaring such dividend.....\$2,549 66	
(Signed) W. W. FRANCIS, B. Manager, CHAS. H. LAWRENCE, Act'g. Acct.	

Walter William Francis, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing Statement is a true and faithful account of the average amount of the Assets and Liabilities within this Colony, of this Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the weekly statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the provisions of "The Banking Act, 1864."

Declared before me at Victoria, B. C., this 6th day of October, 1869.
(Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.

Schedule B.

GENERAL ABSTRACT Showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets within the Colony of British Columbia, of the Bank of British North America, taken from the usual Weekly Statements during the Quarter from 30th June, 1869, to 30th September, 1869.

LIABILITIES	AM'T. TOTALS.	ASSETS	AM'T. TOTALS.
Notes in circulation, not bearing interest.....\$150,068 00		Legal Tender Coin in Gold and Silver.....\$211,492 96	
Notes in circulation, bearing interest.....19,854 60		Gold and Silver Bullion.....28,049 71	
Bills in circulation, not bearing interest.....19,854 60		Landed and other Property.....27,725 00	
Bills in circulation, bearing interest.....19,854 60		Notes and Bills of other Banks.....3,186 75	
Balances due to other Banks and Branches.....\$356,630 29		Balances due from other Banks and Branches.....276,454 00	
Deposits, not bearing interest.....159,554 00		Amount of all Debts due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange and all Stock and Funded Debts of every description, excepting Notes, Bills and Balances due from other Banks and Branches.....\$173,032 86	
Deposits, bearing interest.....159,554 00			
Total amount of Liabilities.....\$685,496 89		Total amount of assets.....\$721,918 14	
Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th of Sept., 1869.....\$5,000,000 00			
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders.....7 per cent per annum			
Amount of the last Dividend declared.....\$200,000 00			
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such dividend.....735,506 00			
(Signed) ROBERT BURRELL, Interim Manager. J. GOODFELLOW, Acting Accountant.			

I, Robert Burrell, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing abstract is a true and faithful account of the average amount of Assets and Liabilities within this Colony of the above Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the Weekly Statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the provisions of "The Banking Act, 1864."

Declared before me at Victoria, this 4th day of October, 1869.
(Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.AT FARDON'S
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C. STROUSS.ARTHUR FELLOWS,
(Late of FELLOWS, ROSSON & Co.)Commission Agent,
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